GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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OBSERVATION OF YEAR OF SANSKRIT
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to observe 'Year of Sanskrit'; and

(b) if so, the details of programmes proposed to be organised in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b) On the recommendation of the Central Sanskrit Board, the year 1999-2000 (Yugabada 5101) was celebrated as the Year of Sanskrit. Various institutions, Universities, Voluntary organizations and Sanskrit Academies across the country participated in the events. The objectives of the year were the popularization and the creation of awareness amongst the general public of the heritage of Sanskrit. The year long programmes included seminars, conversation camps, dramas, publications, etc. A provision of Rs.5 crore had been made for the purpose.

However, at present, there is no such proposal under consideration for a second Celebration of Sanskrit Year in the future.